

1401 Wylie Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
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Mr. Abe Manley  
71 Crawford Street  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Abe:

I was released from Montefiore Hospital February 17th and feel fairly good but must be careful.

Clark told me of your offer to sell whole or part interest in your baseball club. As much as I appreciate this offer I am frank in confirming what Clark told you and Mrs. Manley. I would rather not be a member if you are going to withdraw. As much as we disagreed, I still admire you for sticking to what you believe to be right. After seven years you have a better idea of what it is all about and I am quite sure that our opinions would not differ so widely now.

I am told that you were sponsoring Rainey for President against Tom Wilson. That was a bad move. You should have been the candidate and put every member who opposed you right on the spot. There are too many alibis against an outsider.

I am writing each club owner, explaining what I think of the "probation" period they have given me. Just like any new and unwanted member, they have gone on record as saying that I could not assemble a team, and if I thought I could, I must prove it to them first. After proving this, then they would accept me as an associate member--no voice in the affairs of the League, no dependable place on the schedule, never counted in the standings.

Now, you know me too well to believe that I will accept any part of this. In fact, I consider the whole proceeding a gross insult. They must have forgotten that I once operated the Negro National League, that my own cash money was used for operations, and that many of the clubs received help in different ways from me.

I might have to remind them of these things in a hard way. While I don't want it advertised, I might get a team together and go independent. If I take this step, you know just how far I will raid. But I am not sure yet.

If I was in your place, I would go to the meeting next Saturday, get placed in the schedule. I will be there, and we can talk things over.

Yours very truly,

W. A. Greenlee